

Ward X 17
November 24, 1969

Re: Land Redevelopment Contract

MEMORANDUM OF CONFERENCE WITH
WILLIAM CONNER, COUNTY EXECUTIVE

NOTE: This memorandum follows the items as outlined in the memorandum of October 28, 1969 captioned "Items to be considered in discussing operation under the terms of the contract and any possible modifications to the contract".

(1) Bill Conner expressed the view that the standards set forth in "Sanitary Landfill Facts" does not prohibit the disposal of empty drums and the only issue is whether the drums are properly drained in order to prevent the dumping of an inflammable residue into the landfill. He agreed that the tires are a problem and that arrangements are being considered for a separate procedure for disposal of old tires.

(2) Hours of Operation. Bill Conner agrees that Ward is entitled to some relief from the hours of operation in accordance with the oral representations made prior to the signing of the agreement. However, he points

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out that this poses quite a problem with the collectors and it is difficult to work out as a practical matter. He believes it has already been agreed that there is no reason for requiring the landfill to be open at 7:00 A.M. on Tuesdays. He sees no reason why some relief should not be provided here. He also admits that the landfill is being kept open on Sundays at the request of the County, and that this is not provided for in the contract. Likewise, he concedes that this may add some extra burden on the operator because of the accumulation of trash which must be disposed of first thing on Monday morning.

(3) Size of the trucks. Bill Conner was quite impressed with the fact that an added burden has been put on the landfill and the operator by the increased size of the trucks purchased by the collectors. He believes this should be reviewed, and perhaps charges should be made on a cubic yard basis or on a tonnage basis. This will require some study and may not be implemented immediately because of the problem of dealing with the collectors and the problem caused by the even political split of the County Council. He also agreed that the County's records indicate that more "County trucks" are being dumped each week than anybody contemplated from a review of the prior records. This is also true of the trucks

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of less than two cubic yard capacity for which the operator receives no payment. Bill Ward had indicated that his check on operations indicates that approximately 15 small trucks per day are being dumped at the landfill although the oral representations had been that the number of these small trucks (less than two cubic yards capacity) would probably average 15 per month. Bill Conner checked the County records, and he states that Bill Ward's estimate is low and the actual facts seem to be approximately 750 small truck loads are dumped each month which is almost double the estimate given by Bill Ward. Conner also conceded that the use of the "gate truck" was more extensive than contemplated.

(4) We reviewed the problem of the "deposit depth" and the level of the fill required. We pointed out that an effort has been made to require a lower excavation and the fill to a greater depth than seems to be contemplated in "Exhibit B" of the Water and Air Resources Commission. Bill Conner points out that Dutcher of course is trying to make the most effective use of the landfill, but that certainly the Water and Air Resources Commission regulations must be met.

(5) Zoning. Bill Conner recognized his moral commitment on this issue and states that it may have to

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await the next election where it is hoped the even political split on the Council will be resolved.

(6) Woodlawn Gravel operation. Bill Conner recognizes this problem and will instruct Dutcher et al to work on it. He realizes that either arrangements must be made to preserve the working space for Woodlawn Gravel in the present tract or that some relief must be given to Ward if Ward is asked to move the washing plant.

(7) Cost of operation. Bill Conner was sympathetic to the problem even though I made it quite clear that Ward would carry out his contract without fail even though the costs have been considerably greater than anticipated as a result of the various factors mentioned above.

In summary I pointed out to Bill Conner that unless many of these items are adjusted Bill Ward will have no interest whatsoever in renewing the contract at the time of its termination which could be prior to the five year term of the contract for the reason that it now appears quite likely that the first area will be filled somewhat earlier than expected.

Bill Conner stated that everyone is most pleased with the Ward operation and that he would hate to look around for another site or another operator. He has every hope that

further contracts can be negotiated and he seems to have a full understanding of the need for considering some adjustments to compensate for the additional costs and expense which are outlined above.

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